

SENATE RESOLUTION 294

By Finney R.

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Kristy Wallen of Seymour High School on her selection as the 2008 High School Teacher of the Year for the Sevier County School System.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Kristy Wallen is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wallen has recently been selected as the 2008 High School Teacher of the Year by the Sevier County School System, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Kristy Wallen received both her bachelor's degree and her master's degree from East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wallen has served with acumen and alacrity as a high school mathematics teacher for twenty exemplary years; and

WHEREAS, Kristy Wallen is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wallen truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, Kristy Wallen feels her greatest reward as a teacher has been having the opportunity to watch and aid in the development of children; and

WHEREAS, Kristy Wallen truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Kristy Wallen of Seymour High School on being chosen as the 2008 High School Teacher of the Year by the Sevier County School System, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.